

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 8, 2022

10:00 am

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

II. ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
SUPERIOR COURT OF CA, MENDOCINO COUNTY
TRUCKEE DONNER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
UPLAND, CITY OF
SANGER, CITY OF

Jennifer Bower, **President**
Kim Turner, **Secretary/Treasurer**
David Faris, **Vice President**
Theresa Doyle, Non-Officer Member*
Becky Ramirez, Non-Officer Member

MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Peter McNamara
Christine Hough
Chris Jordan
Nancy Schott

OTHERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Dayna Gowan

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Christina Nygard

*not in attendance until the Information portion of the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – December 8, 2022

Presented by Jennifer Bower

Action
2022-076

Motion to approve the December 8, 2022 Agenda: 1. Kim Turner and 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 19, 2022 **Action**
2022-077
Presented by Jennifer Bower

Motion to approve October 19, 2022 Minutes: 1. Kim Turner and 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE **Information**
2022-078
Presented by E. Peter McNamara

The Registry of Public Agencies form reflecting Board Members joining and leaving the Board was reviewed. The Amendment to a JPA form which reflecting Compass Charter Schools entry into PACE was reviewed. Both forms have been sent to the State.

A Keenan briefing regarding updated Brown Act regulations regarding was reviewed; PACE will continue to operate under the original Brown Act rules requiring Board Member addresses to be shown on the Teleconference Location Sheet.

PACE received the final deficit recoupment statement from MCSIG showing PACE has paid in full.

The EmpiRx P&T changes list effective January 1, 2023 were reviewed.

An agency requested PACE pay a balance bill for an out of network ambulance charge incurred by a member in 2020. Anthem paid the claim per the benefit plan and the member paid the \$100 ambulance copay. The member then received a balance bill from the out of network ambulance provider. The member appealed twice with Anthem and initiated a third appeal in September 2022. Anthem upheld their initial coverage decision after the third appeal. This same request from the agency was brought to the Executive Committee previously and the Executive Committee declined to overturn Anthem’s decision. After discussion, the Executive Committee upheld the Anthem’s decision to deny the third appeal and declined to take action at a future Executive Committee meeting.

VII. FINANCIAL

WELLNESS UPDATES **Action**
2022-079
Presented by Dayna Gowan

The PACE 2022 Health Management Program wrap up was reviewed which closed on November 15, 2022. There were 188 registered members (7%) with 55 members who reached a rewards level. All members except for two reached the \$150 top reward amount. Participation numbers for 2020 and 2021 were also reviewed. The number of participants in the program as a percentage of total eligible population in 2022 was close to that of 2021. 2020 had a higher percentage who reached an award level because the biometric screening, requiring a doctor visit, was not required due to COVID. Award e-gift cards will be issued mid-December. The WellSteps 2022 Annual Report was reviewed.

Motion to accept the Wellness Update including moving forward with the 2023 Wellness program based on the 2022 program structure: 1. Kim Turner and 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Presented by Christine Hough

Information

2022-080

There are three agencies requesting a quotation since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

1. City of Fullerton – There was an update to the quote for approximately 412 non-fire fighter active employees with 50% in Kaiser, 35% in a Cigna HMO and 15% waiving coverage discussed at the October Executive Committee Meeting. In addition to actives, the City is interested in having early retirees join PACE. Adding the early retirees increased the risk factor by 10% requiring a new quote. Most members are currently in the HMO which is why they are interested in PACE’s Anthem HMO plans. The City is considering the revised quote.

2. City of California City – 93 employees with 31 waivers (33%) high number of waivers. The high number of waivers may be due to City spouses being employed at nearby Edwards Airforce Base which provides free medical coverage for employees and dependents. The average age is 7 years younger than PACE’s average age. This group left CalPERS and planned to go into FDAC EBA. Due to a change in the composition of the FDAC EBA pool, the City was unable to join the FDAC EBA and decided to join PACE.

3. City of Gridley – 39 employees currently in Anthem HDHP age rated plans without any waivers. Requested PPO and EPO plans; however, the rates were not competitive. PACE has not had a response from the City.

**APPOINTMENT OF NON-OFFICER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER
TO SERVE JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023 TERM**

Action

2022-081

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

The Executive Committee discussed appointing a Non-Officer Executive Committee Member to serve the remainder of the current January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023 term to replace Becky Ramirez who was elected to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 at the August Full Board Meeting.

Christina Nygard, from Regional Government Services, is interested in the position and the Executive Committee appreciates.

Motion to appoint Christina Nygard as a Non-Officer Executive Committee Member to serve out the current term of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023: 1. Kim Turner and 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

IX. INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Information

Jennifer Bower expressed her appreciation to everyone on the Executive Committee and the Keenan team.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Information

Theresa Doyle will be leaving the Executive Committee eff. January 1, 2023 as a Non-Officer Executive Committee Member; she will remain a PACE Board Member for Upland. PACE Management is seeking someone to serve out the remainder of the January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023 term to be appointed at the February 22, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.

Jennifer Bower is retiring as PACE President as of December 31, 2022. PACE Management and the Executive Committee thanked her for her service.

The 2023 stop loss renewal has been finalized. Symetra, the incumbent, was the only carrier out of 15 who was interested in quoting and they initially came in at a 50% increase with the current attachment point of \$250k. Of concern to Symetra was a member with ongoing pharmacy costs of approx. \$1.5M annually. After Keenan and Symetra reviewed various options for attachment points and premium increase amounts, it made the most sense financially for PACE to increase the attachment point from \$250k to \$260k and accept a 34% increase for 2023. Although a 34% renewal is higher than Keenan hoped for, Christine Hough included a 50% increase in her overall 2023 premium renewal calculations.

PACE Management is working with EmpiRx to minimize the approx. \$1.5M pharmacy cost through the new cost mitigation programs approved by the Executive Committee in September 2022.

X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Information

Executive Committee Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2023 in person.

- Compliance/legislation update
- Vida Health presentation
- Discuss the potential of bringing the Municipal Dental Pool under the PACE umbrella

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.